

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An illumination device for illuminating a liquid crystal panel having a frame area and an effective display area surrounded by the frame area includes a light source for emitting light; an optical conductor including a light incident surface on which light emitted by the light source is allowed to be incident, a light output surface from which the light is allowed to be output, and a projection projecting from the light incident surface; and a light scattering section for scattering light, the light scattering section including an engaging portion which is engageable with the projection. The optical conductor and the light scattering section are located such that an end of the projection of the optical conductor is located outside the effective display area of the liquid crystal panel.